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Applicant(s):	Gongwer		
Title:	Non-Volatile Memory with Improved Programming and Method Therefor		
Application No.:	10/804,770	Filing Date:	March 19, 2004
Examiner:	Lalrinfamkim Hmar Malsawma	Group Art Unit:	2823
Docket No.:	SNDK.211US1	Conf. No.	7776


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REQUEST FOR REFUND

Dear Sir:

On July 18, 2006, the undersigned Attorney of Record authorized payment for a Request for Continued Examination and Two-Month extension fee in the above-referenced application be taken from Deposit Account No. 502664 for \$1,240.00 in response to an Advisory Action that was issued by Examiner Malsawma on June 9, 2006. A copy of the Advisory Action is attached, as well as a copy of the Transmittal corresponding to the filing of the Request for Continued Examination. However, a Notice of Abandonment was received by our office for the above-referenced application mailed August 3, 2006, due to a decision on interference (copy attached). Therefore, the undersigned Attorney of Record requests a refund of \$1,240.00 in the form of a check made out to the undersigned Attorney of Record. A copy of the Deposit Account statement is enclosed for your review.

Respectfully submitted,



Gerald P. Parsons
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ATTORNEY: GAP/M&C

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ACTION: REPLY/ADVISORY ACTION DUE: 7/9/06ACTION: (1st EXT) DUE: _____DOCKETED BY: 22 DATE: 6/12/06VERIFICATION BY: edw DATE: 6/15/06

**Advisory Action
Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief**

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Examiner

Lex Malsawma

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THE REPLY FILED 08 March 2006 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, ~~but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal~~. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☐ The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) ☒ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
(a) ☒ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
(c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____ (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

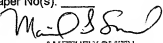
4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☐ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
Claim(s) allowed: _____.
Claim(s) objected to: _____.
Claim(s) rejected: _____.
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: see continuation sheet.
12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08 or PTO-1449) Paper No(s): _____.
13. ☐ Other: _____.


MATTHEW SMITH
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER
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Applicant's proposed amendment, filed on March 08, 2006 after adverse judgment against all prior claims by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (Board), will not be entered because the new claims introduced by the proposed amendment appear to be patentably distinct from the prior claims. The examiner has considered/examined the prior claims and cannot now change the invention, furthermore, the adverse judgment by the Board against the prior claims is a Final action of the Office, therefore, the proposed amendments, filed on March 08, 2006 will not be entered.

July 18, 2006

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Re: Applicant(s): Gongwer et al.
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Application No.: 10/804,770 Filing Date: March 19, 2004
Examiner: Malsawma Group Art Unit: 2823
Docket No.: SNDK.211US1 Conf. No.: 7776

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) This Transmittal Letter (1 page);
- (2) Request for Continued Examination (1 page);
- (3) Amendment (4 pages);
- (4) Petition for Extension of Time (Two-Month) (1 page);
- (5) Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
- (6) PTO Form 1449 (1 page);
- (7) 3 References enclosed;
- (8) Previously cited Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement mailed April 26, 2006 (3 pages); and
- (9) Previously cited Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement mailed March 8, 2006 including 2 References (8 pages).

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
☒ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fee for Request for Continued Examination	\$	790.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fee for two-month extension of time		450.00
Total additional fee for this Amendment:		\$	<u>1240.00</u>

- ☒ The fee of \$1240.00 has been authorized via EFS to Deposit Account 502664. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 502664.

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Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEY: GPO/HGLACTION: PETITION AGN 1.151 DUE: 10/3/06

ACTION: _____ DUE: _____

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Notice of Abandonment

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Examiner

Lex Malsawma

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This application is abandoned in view of:

1. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on _____.
 - (a) ☐ A reply was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.
 - (b) ☐ A proposed reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection.
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
 - (c) ☐ A reply was received on _____ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).
 - (d) ☐ No reply has been received.
2. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 - (a) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 - (b) ☐ The submitted fee of \$_____ is insufficient. A balance of \$_____ is due.
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$_____. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$_____.
 - (c) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
 - (a) ☐ Proposed corrected drawings were received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
 - (b) ☐ No corrected drawings have been received.
4. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
5. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
6. ☒ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on 22 February 2006 and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
7. ☒ The reason(s) below:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 41.127(b) and MPEP 2308.01, this application became abandoned after the decision on interference. Accordingly, the RCE filed on 18 July 2006 cannot be entered, accepted or processed.



Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.



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